

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)	Before the Examiner
Young et al.)	Steven J. Cotroneo
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Application Serial No. 10/695,067)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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MULTI-AXIAL CROSS-LINK CONNECTOR SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS)	December 23, 2010
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 27, 2010, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. No extensions of time or additional fees are believed to be due with regard to the filing of this response. However, please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue/publication fees.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-31, 34-46, 49, 51-55 and 57-65 were pending in the subject application for the final Office Action dated September 27, 2010. Claim 62 has been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Each of the remaining claims has been rejected on various grounds. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.